

The Wichita Eagle.

WICHITA, FRIDAY, JULY 10, 1912.
CITY AND COUNTY NEWS.

Both rivers are up beyond fording again. James McCulloch goes on a trip southwest next week.

The people of this valley are complaining of too much rain.

Shanghai Pierce came up from the trail on Tuesday evening.

The daily average of arrivals at the Douglas Avenue House is about thirty-five.

Most of the corn of this valley will be entirely matured by the 15th of August.

The bulk of emigration now coming to Kansas finds its way to the Arkansas valley.

A much-needed crosswalk is being built on the corner, near the Douglas Avenue house.

Clothiers, grocers and hardware merchants of Wichita are doing a smashing trade.

The social entertainment given by the Good Templars proved a delightful and profitable occasion.

A dance was given at the Southern, last Tuesday evening, which is said to have been a brilliant affair.

Wild grapes of a fine size and flavor are being gathered in quantities from the woods around the city.

Business around Judge Strickland's office, which is known as the Texas Headquarters, appears to be lively.

J. L. Abbott, esp., of Sumner, has been spending several days in Wichita on business connected with his profession.

The Arkansas river at this point still maintains a pretty good stage, but several herds of cattle were crossed without loss during the week.

In honor, Mayor Allen, was presented with a fine one by his honor, Mayor Hitt, of Atchison, during the late excursion to the above point by our citizens.

Cattle chutes and gates are being put in at the west end of the bridge to provide against such a rush of long horns as might break down or damage the structure.

The western-bound passenger train over the A. T. & S. F. R. R. are daily crowded.

About three-fourths of the travel leaves the main line at Newton and comes to Wichita.

The wild plum crop was unusually large this year, but not so large but that it was not away with as soon as ripe. We are told that the bushes for miles around wear an autumnal look.

Hans Hanson, the name of the individual who died last week in the poor house in the place, was formerly from Leavenworth, and it falls out that he was possessed of quite a competency and good property.

We have some complaints of the EAGLE passing through Sedgewick City and Newton on Saturdays instead of stopping. Put in the wrong bags, probably. Will our postmaster please look to this matter.

Our market is full of good stock cattle. Farmers all over the state should come here to supply. They can find no such opportunity anywhere else in the state for low down prices and convenient and cheap shipping.

West & Mann bought of C. F. Gilbert lot 42 Main street, this week. The consideration was \$1,000. The lot is a very eligible one for business, and we understand Messrs. West & Mann will put up a business house immediately.

McClure, one of Wichita's big lumber dealers, returned home from Chicago on Tuesday, where he purchased a lot of pine lumber. Another of our big lumber men, Mr. Dean, of C. F. Pierce & Co., started on Monday for Boston.

The fine new hotel called the Texas House, just completed, opposite the Douglas Avenue Hotel, will have a grand opening on Saturday (tomorrow) evening. The proprietors, Messrs. Cordelia, Ferris & Co., propose making it the popular hotel resort of Wichita.

The southwestern stage company are now running a tri-weekly line of coaches between Caldwell and Wellington and a daily line between Wellington and Wichita. Depart from Caldwell Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; arrive Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Two hundred cart loads of Indian supplies and government goods will be shipped from Wichita to the Cheyenne and other southern agencies during the season. One train of over a hundred wagons is being loaded here this week. The draught cattle are in splendid condition.

Mr. Fred Lockley, of Leavenworth, paid a friendly call on his way to attend the council of Kiowas, to be held soon at the Cheyenne agency. Mr. Lockley is well known to the fraternity throughout our state, and is everywhere regarded as the true gentleman and able writer.

Our county superintendent of public instruction favors us this week with a communication with reference to educational matters in Sedgewick county. From week to week something will appear from his pen which will not fail to interest teachers, parents, children and the friends of education.

The liberals of Wichita held a conchoidal powwow at Martin, Phillip & Co.'s office, last Friday night. Would it not be well to give our desponding friends an idea of what big, red-hot, uproarious enthusiasm consists of by calling a regular republican radical ratification meeting at the court house some pleasant evening?

James R. Brown, a new subscriber, informs us that crops in the southern portion of Sedgewick county could not possibly be more thrifty or promising. Edridge is the name of the new postoffice established some three weeks since on the south side of the river, opposite Park City. We hope to get a good list of subscribers from that point.

The "Wichita Savings Bank" is the style of a new banking institution just opening up in our city. The stock is owned and controlled principally, we believe, by business men of Wichita. Their place of business is the first floor south of the Southern Hotel. We expect their advertisement in a few days, when our readers will know more about the new bank.

C. L. Allen, one of the editors and proprietors of the Belle Plain Herald, was up to town on last Tuesday on business connected with the U. S. land office at this point. Mr. Allen says Sumner county and all her towns, as far as he knows, are prospering to their heart's content. Mr. A. was looking extremely well and hearty, having just returned from a buffalo hunt.

More cattle buyers are now in Wichita than at any time heretofore. A large per cent of the buyers consist of men hailing from Northern Kansas and the western states, who are in search of cheap stock cattle. The beef market is dull, owing to the condition of the St. Louis and Chicago markets. Yet a large number of buyers are here holding themselves in readiness.

Mr. Miles, the new Indian agent at Cheyenne, with his family, passed through here this week enroute for the agency. His family consisted of a wife and five children, together with an Indian girl about fifteen years old, who is being educated at Washington. While here they stopped at the Southern Hotel. From Wichita they went in an ambulance drawn by four horses.

J. M. Thomas, a merchant of Caldwell, spent a day or two in the city last week. Caldwell is growing some, and a fine trade is being developed at that point. The cattle trails to Edwards and Raymond diverge at Caldwell from the main trail, which runs to Wichita. Since early spring there has been no trouble at all, and good and bad citizens sleep in peace and security.

The following is the list of houses built in Wichita from June 1st up to date, with the names of owners and builders, as far as we could ascertain. This does not include the north part of town, where many buildings have lately sprung up, which, for lack of time, we could not obtain.

Kulak, Mills & Steh, contractors, put up the following buildings:

G. W. Stinson, dwelling, Topeka avenue, Anderson & Olmsted, livery stable, 20x300 feet, Douglas avenue.

John Clugston, 20x60, Douglas avenue.

C. Berry, three rooms 18x20 feet, Douglas avenue.

Second story on Hope's business house, corner Douglas avenue and Main street, 24x70.

J. C. Mills, residence, corner First and Emporia streets, 18x36.

Mrs. Hamilton, residence, Market street, 12x24.

Mrs. Bowman, residence, Emporia street, English's addition, 12x36.

J. W. Rowdy, residence, Emporia street, 18x24.

Messrs. Reese & Sawyer, contractors, built:

Store house for John L. Tucker, 24x90, on Douglas avenue.

Mrs. Jones, 12x24, dwelling, Topeka avenue.

Mrs. Kate Room, 14x32, Lawrence avenue, dwelling house.

Two store rooms 24x80, and two 20x80, all on Douglas avenue. Also building for Mr. Somers, 12x20.

Messrs. Swickard & Davidson, contractors, built six store rooms on Douglas avenue during the time, one 24x70, three 16x30, and two 16x20. Also two dwelling houses, one for Henry Bolte, the other for Mr. Kermerle.

A Harry Lindquist, contractor, put up a two story business house on Main street, opposite the postoffice, 24x50, for Thayer & Skipton.

Charles W. Fisk, contractor and builder, has put up five buildings, principally dwelling houses.

La Feta & Bro. have built two fine dwelling houses. We did not get the names of the contractors.

F. C. Martoff, contractor and builder, has been doing his share, but owing to our inability to find him we have no list of his work.

Aside from these, twenty-one buildings have been put up in the last month and a half, the contractors having been itinerant carpenters who had no shops, but stopped on their way to newer countries further west for a stake.

The character of the above buildings may be judged in the average range of cost from \$18,000 down to \$650. We shall make further reports of progress of buildings here from time to time, and for that reason would like builders to furnish us about every month or two with statements of their contracts, number of buildings erected, etc.

A shooting affair occurred in the north end, last Monday evening, between two colored men, wherein one, an ebony-skinned fellow, got the contents of a double-barreled, brass-mounted shotgun, in close proximity to where "he lived." The wound is not so serious as to necessarily result in death, but is severe enough to keep the wearer of it in bed for some time, and under care.

The man who was shot was in the habit of drinking, and when under the influence of liquor most usually called at the house of the other man and indulged his hilarity, and on too many occasions his abuse.

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We presume there can hardly be found a business man in the state of Kansas who has not heard of and does not know something of Hugo Kalk, the great contractor and builder at the capital city. The nervous, untiring energy of the man, and the wonderful success which attends his every enterprise, is but little short of miraculous. Fourteen years ago he landed at Topeka with but one dollar in his pocket; today he is worth a few hundred thousand dollars. As a contractor he probably has no equal in the state; not that he does jobs lower than others, but the secret of his success seems to be in the rapidity with which he turns off every job from a cottage to a hundred thousand dollar building. He is at present building all the depots along the line of the railroad. He paid Wichita a visit this week and made arrangements to put on his patent fire-proof roof on the Hobson and Greifensack yards. The roof is said to be the best known. Mr. Kalk is a large lumber dealer, having yards at several points in the state. We hear it intimated that he will start a big savings institution at the capital before long. Long have the Bismarck of Topeka.

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We would urge upon the attention of Sedgewick and adjoining counties the probability of wheat growing, the great demand for flour, and the adaptability of the soil of this region to the production of fall wheat. We hope to see a large breadth sown this fall. Put in your seed early in September. If you seed that has been broken this year, and not much after that even on old ground. It is astonishing the amount of flour being shipped into and sold at the different business houses in Wichita. The fact of there being no mill here is a great disadvantage. Mills will be built before another season. It has been sufficiently demonstrated that no better wheat country can be found in the west than Southern Kansas. We incline to the opinion, upon the whole, that upland prairies are the most sure to produce a big crop, yet the bottoms are good enough. The best wheat that we have noticed this year was in the fields on the bottoms of the Cottonwood and Neosho. Don't neglect to put in wheat.

The name of James Dugan has been supplanted and that of J. G. Hope, formerly of Topeka, substituted in the wholesale liquor advertisement bought by the former in this paper. Mr. Hope is too well known to be complimented by us. We will state, however, for a fact to those who buy liquor, that he is one of the oldest and most successful merchants in that line in our state, and that already he has supplied the store with a large invoice of the very choicest brands of whiskeys, old and pure, besides an importation of foreign brandies and wines. Mr. Hope's word is as good as warrant, but if not sufficient he can convince all by his bills and brands that these articles are just what they represent them. Saloons, ranches and drug stores cannot do better in St. Louis than with Mr. Hope, and we urge them to call on him before buying. Store on Main street, nearly opposite the postoffice.

A young man was severely, though not dangerously, cut with a knife, near the postoffice, on Main street, some night. Some one has had no quarrel with the man who cut him, but evidently bore his ill will. Our information is that the wounded man was in the act of passing a cigar to his assailant, who reached for it, coming, with a knife. If this is the case, who can tell when his turn will come? It is a fact patent to many that there is a large class of men in our midst who go armed, notwithstanding the strong prohibitory ordinance against carrying arms. We trust our efficient police will give this matter greater attention than usual. The way the thing works now, those who carry the law are left defenseless, because they carry no weapons. Paying for the law, they rely upon it for protection.

The name and style of Kalk's great home paper has been changed from the *Kansas Spirit* to the *Spirit of Kansas*. For a decade journal and farmer's paper it has no equal in the west, and is excelled by no other paper of the kind published in America. A splendid and beautiful original story is being written for its columns, which is not so serious as to necessarily result in death, but is severe enough to keep the wearer of it in bed for some time, and under care.

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